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SUBJECT: LAO SITUATION AND USAID AND MAP

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CANBERRA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SUSPEND ECONOMIC AND MILI-
TARY AID, OR INDICATE TO PGNU THAT YOU ARE DOING SO. WE
ARE CONCERNED THAT THIS MIGHT IN FACT PRECIPITATE VERY
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CONDITIONS WE ARE TRYING TO AVOID AS YOU REDUCE SIZE OF

EMBASSY AND COULD PLAY INTO HANDS OF MILITANT ANTI-AMERICANS. MOREOVER, WE DO NOT WISH TO LINK AID QUESTION WITH CLEAR PGNU RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE PROTECTION TO AMERICANS.

2. RATHER, YOU SHOULD AGAIN CALL UPON SOUVANNA PHOUMA AND PHOUMI, ACTING UPON INSTRUCTION, AND MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) YOU SHOULD REMIND THEM AGAIN OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PGNU TO PROTECT AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY UNDER VIENNA CONVENTION;

(B) YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION RAISES SERIOUS PRACTICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO PROVIDE US ASSISTANCE EFFECTIVELY; AND

(C) YOU SHOULD INDICATE THAT WE ARE REDUCING THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS IN LAOS UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND EXPECT THEM TO BE ABLE TO DEPART SAFELY.

3. YOU SHOULD PHRASE YOUR DEMANDS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID MAKING IT A THREAT, BUT MERELY A STATEMENT OF FACT BASED ON LACK OF SAFETY TO AMERICANS, SEIZURE OF AND DAMAGE TO US PROPERTY, DISRUPTION OF PROGRAMS AND INADEQUATE PROTECTION ON THE PART OF RESPONSIBLE LAOS AUTHORITIES. INGERSOLL

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